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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Commanding General's Labor Day Holiday Safety Message

1. As the Labor Day weekend approaches, (2 through 5 September), so does the fourth anniversary of the terrorist attacks against our great Nation. We cannot help but to think about the events of that tragic day and how much the world has changed since then, as we continue to fight and win the Global War on Terrorism. For those who are not deployed and in the fight, Labor Day affords us the opportunity to take time over the holiday weekend to honor those who built our country, while always remembering those who are fighting and securing our future.

2. Labor Day is celebrated to recognize the contributions of the American workers and the sacrifices they made to help make the United States the premier force in the world economy. The American workforce and our incredible work ethic, make our country the economic model for all nations.

3. As we honor the men and women who built our country, we need to also take time to honor those who defend it today – the Soldiers and civilians of MANSCEN, especially those who are deployed. Judy and I also sincerely thank our courageous family members, who continue to support our fighting force day in and day out during this time of war. We are honored to be associated with each and every member of this great MANSCEN team.

4. Labor Day is also the traditional end of summer. As the season draws to a close, I ask you to renew your commitment to keeping one another safe. Remain vigilant over the long weekend and aggressively manage/eliminate risk to yourself and to those for whom you are responsible. I also ask that you do the following:

- Give thanks to the people you work with.
- Talk to your subordinates. Meet with each of them individually or in small groups to discuss their holiday plans and to ensure they make smart decisions on how to manage the risks associated with whatever they plan to do over the holiday. Focus especially on prevention of POV accidents.
- Take time to relax and enjoy the fruits of your labor.

5. I look forward to seeing each of you return to work safely after the holiday!

Please be SAFE!

RANDAL R. CASTRO
Major General, USA
Commanding

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